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1. THIS WILL CONFIRM SEVERAL TELCONS WITH IO AND EB. ON FEB 9 US REP MET WITH ELISHA (PERMANENT MEMBER FRENCH DELEGATION, ICAO) WHO IS ON FRENCH DELEGATION TO DEN/ICE, FOR PURPOSES INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS RE MUTUAL INTERESTS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR PARIS. (SEE REFS) AFTER DISCUSSIONS ELISHA TOLD US REP THAT THEY WANTED TO PUT US IN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE AND ASKED PERMISSION TO BEGIN INFORMAL CONTACTS. FYI: SUCH MATTERS ARE USUALLY ARRANGED THE DAY BEFORE THE OPENING SESSION BUT OFTEN WITH SMALLER MEETINGS LIKE DEN/ICE, INFORMAL CONSENSUS IS DEVELOPED EVEN BEFORE ARRIVAL MONTREAL. END FYI.
2. US REP EXPRESSED GREAT SURPRISE AND THE USUAL GRATITUDE. HOWEVER, I POINTED OUT THE DEEP INVOLVEMENT OF US IN THIS CONFERENCE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF SNAP RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHER ISSUES; AND EXPRESSED CONCERN RE MAKEUP OF THE US DELEGATION WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED IF HEAD OF DELEGATION WAS REMOVED TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

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3. US REP RECEIVED INFORMAL "NO OBJECTION" FROM IO AND EB. ELISHA WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM FRANCE COUNCIL REP PROCEEDED TO TALK WITH UK, ITALY, GERMANY, AND TOUCHED BASE WITH PRES/COUNCIL AND SECRETARY OF JS COMMITTEE (AND OF CONF). BEFORE DEPARTING FOR PARIS HE REPORTED TO US REP THAT IDEA WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED AND HE WOULD PROCEED WITH HIS OWN HEAD OF DELEGATION IN PARIS TO COORDINATE

AGREEMENT ALL EUR PARTICIPATING STATES.

4. ON FEB 11 US REP RECEIVED WORD THRU US ANC MEMBER, FROM FAA, FROM EMBASSY/OTTAWA THAT GOC HAD TOLD EMBASSY THAT PIERRE ARPIN WAS GOING TO HEAD CAN DEL AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR CHAIRMANSHP. US REP MENTIONED THIS TO ELISHA BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE INDICATING THAT WE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN ANYTHING BUT AN INFORMAL COMPLETE CONSENSUS AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD WE BE A PARTY TO A CONTEST. THAT I PERSONALLY LOOK UPON CHAIRMANSHP/3RD DEN/ICE AS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT AMONG CURRENT ICAO RESPONSIBILITIES. SHOULD ANY CONTEST OR OPPOSITION DEVELOP FROM ANY SOURCE US REP WOULD IMMEDIATELY OPT AGAIN FOR HEADING US DEL AND WITHDRAW ANY PERMISSION FOR COORDINATING NOMINATIONS. ELISHA'S RESPONSE WAS THAT HE WAS SURE CANADIANS WOULD BE WITH REST OF MEMBER STATES. LATE ON FEB 11 UK REP TOLD US THAT ARPIN WOULD BE IN MONTREAL EARLY THIS WEEK AND HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON US MISSION (NO FOLLOW THRU YET).

5. ELISHA RETURNS FEB 25 AND IS TO CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY RE DEVELOPMENTS IN EUR.

6. FYI: THE INCREASINGLY HOSTILE TONE OF LANGUAGE IN DENMARK'S WORKING PAPERS 14, 19, 20 AND 21 ARE A SOURCE OF CONCERN TO CONFERENCE SECRETARY (AS WELL AS US REP.) TO THE EXTENT THEY REFLECT ANGER REGARDING SNAP RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHER RECENT US - INSPIRED JOINT FINANCING LIMITATIONS, THEY MAY INDICATE THAT DENMARK AND POSSIBLY ICELAND WOULD OBJECT TO US REP IN CHAIRMANSHP. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT WORK ON THESE SPECIFIC TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS WILL BE DONE IN THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND GENERAL COMMITTEE, AND THOUGHT MUST BE GIVEN VERY SOON BY ALL PARTICIPANTS TO THE CHAIRMANSHP OF THESE TWO IMPORTANT WORKING COMMITTEES. END FYI.

7. FRANCE AND IATA ARE THE ONLY TWO DELEGATIONS ACCREDITED TO DATE AND NO ADDITIONAL RESPONSES, NEGATIVE OR POSITIVE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED (SECRETARY BLAMES THIS ON SHORT LEAD TIME AVAILABLE).

8. US REP WILL REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS RE CHAIRMANSHP ESPECIALLY ON RETURN ELISHA FEB 25.
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